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PLEASE AMEND THIS APPLICATION AS FOLLOWS:

In The Title:

Change the title of the invention to:

-- HETERODIMERIC DYE COMPOSITION --

In The Claims:

Please cancel claim 1.

Please add new claims 287-291 as follows:

Claim 1 (Canceled Herein)

Claims 2-286 (Previously Canceled)

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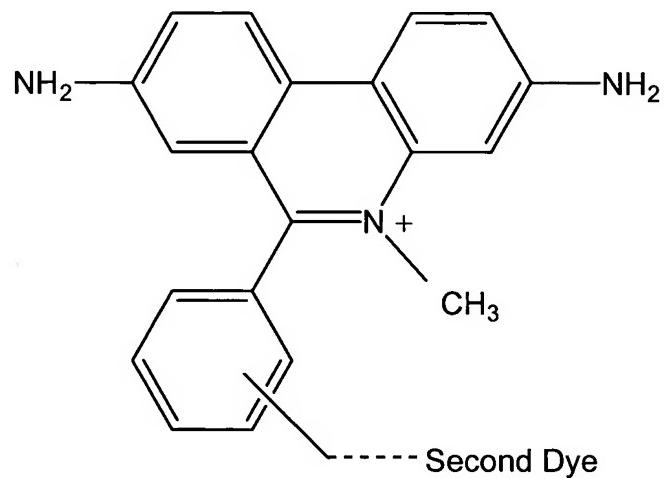
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287. (NEW) A heterodimeric dye composition, said composition comprising a first dye that comprises a phenanthridinium moiety; and a second dye that is different from said first dye, said second dye being attached through the phenyl ring of said phenanthridium moiety.

288. (NEW) The heterodimeric dye composition of claim 287, having the structure



wherein said second dye is not a phenanthridinium moiety.

289. (NEW) The heterodimeric dye composition of claim 288, wherein said Second Dye is substituted in any of the *ortho*, *meta* or *para* positions of the phenyl ring.

290. (NEW) The heterodimeric dye composition of claim 289, wherein said Second Dye is substituted in the *meta* position of the phenyl ring.

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291. (NEW) The composition of claims 287 or 288, wherein said second dye
comprises a thiazole, a fluorescein, a thiazole derivative, or a fluorescein derivative.

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